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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7013**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 586**

**NOTE PREPARED: Mar 18, 2013**

**BILL AMENDED: Feb 4, 2013**

**SUBJECT: IDEM Certified Mail.**

**FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Charbonneau**

**FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Wolkins**

**BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2<sup>nd</sup> House**

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT: State**

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill allows a person to provide a written request to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for a different method of notice of an order or a determination issued by the IDEM's commissioner that is reasonably available to the IDEM. It also makes conforming amendments.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) To the extent that individuals provide written requests to IDEM for methods of notice such as electronic mail or U.S. mail instead of certified mail, this bill could result in savings in expenses for IDEM. The precise amount of savings is indeterminable. IDEM spent about \$12,000 on certified mail in FY 2012. IDEM is funded by both state General Fund and dedicated fund appropriations.

U.S. Postal Service rates for certified mail are \$2.95 and first class postage starts at \$0.45. A return receipt by mail will cost \$2.35, or will cost \$1.15 if sent electronically.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** IDEM.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** U.S. Postal Service, <http://www.usps.com/prices/welcome.htm>; Brad Baughn, IDEM, 317-234-3386.

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